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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 3671
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Toshinobu ARAOKA)	Examiner: K. Florio
)	
Appln. No.: 09/991,871)	Washington, D.C.
)	
Date Filed: November 26, 2001)	Confirmation No. 3261
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For: GRAVEL-OR-THE-LIKE)	November 20, 2003
REMOVING DEVICE)	

Communication

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

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THIS IS NOT A REPLY TO THE OUTSTANDING OFFICE
ACTION, WHICH REPLY WILL BE FILED IN DUE COURSE.

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed
November 12, 2003, which does not address applicant's Reply of
July 1, 2003, where the requirement for election of species
was traversed.

The Office Action of November 12, 2003, says nothing
about applicant's claims commencing with claim 9, yet these
claims remain pending. Are they withdrawn? Has the election
of species requirement been made final? Has the PTO
considered applicant's traversal of the election of species
requirement?

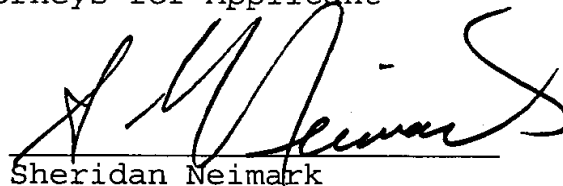
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Applicant respectfully requests clarification on the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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